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28th September 2015

Dear Parents,

Firstly, may I take the opportunity to thank the many parents who visited the school during our 'Open Days' last week. We had a very positive response and over the four days, over 200 parents visited classrooms throughout the school. I am also grateful for the comments left in our visitors' book and I hope all who had the opportunity to join us, found it valuable and informative to see the children and staff at Sarisbury 'at work'. Thank you also to the staff team at Sarisbury for the time and preparation given during open week.

Harvest Service

Our Harvest assembly will take place on Friday 9th October and we will be supporting the 'Basics Bank' appeal organised by The Friends of the Homeless in Fareham and Gosport. We would be very grateful if the children could bring in items from the following list:

<i>Sugar</i>	<i>Tinned fish</i>	<i>Tinned meat</i>	<i>Tinned spaghetti</i>	<i>Pasta</i>
<i>Sauces</i>	<i>Tinned fruit</i>	<i>Jam / Marmalade</i>	<i>Biscuits</i>	<i>Chocolate bars</i>
<i>Soap</i>	<i>Shampoo</i>	<i>Toothpaste</i>	<i>Toothbrush</i>	

This initiative is also supported by our friends at St Paul's. I am always keen for the children to have the opportunity to think about those less fortunate than themselves and this seems a very worthy cause. Mr Phil Rutt, a friend of Sarisbury and a representative of the Basics Bank, will be coming to talk to the children on Friday October 2nd and in addition, he will arrange for members of the School Council to organise the food parcels. **Please would children bring items into school in the week beginning Monday 5th October, and by Thursday 8th October at the latest;** once again your contribution is very much appreciated.

As part of our Harvest celebrations on the 9th October, we will also be supporting the **Jeans for Genes** appeal. For a £1 donation to the appeal, your child will be able to wear jeans to school; please note that we ask that children still wear their school polo / sweatshirt.

Open Classrooms

Please remember, as detailed in our previous newsletter, that classrooms will be open between 4pm and 5:30pm on Wednesday 7th October (Years 3 and 4) and Thursday 8th October (Years 5 & 6) for you to look through your child's work and meet with teachers informally. This is an ideal opportunity to see how your child has settled into their new class. Due to the limited time available, teachers will not be able to hold individual meetings, but appointments can be made for a later date should you have any concerns that you wish to discuss. This is an important opportunity to share in your child's work and achievements and we would encourage all parents to join us. There will also be a short survey available on the evening and we would be grateful if you could complete this during your visit.

School Photographs

Please would parents note that the school photographer is due to take the children's photographs on Tuesday morning (Tuesday 6th October). If you wish your child to be photographed with a younger brother / sister at the Infant School you will need to bring them to the school hall between **8:30am and 8:45am**. We will ensure that children with siblings at Sarisbury Junior School have their photographs taken together as well as individually.

Playground Health & Safety Request

I must remind all parents with dogs that these are not permitted on the playground at the start / end of the school day. We had an incident last week where a young child was bitten whilst waiting in the playground and it is for this reason that we request that there are **no dogs on the premises**. In order for parents who walk with their dog to school to wait by the Coldeast Green area, the side access to the school will be unlocked at the start and end of the school day. This should ensure that the main entrance to the school also remains free from dogs. Your cooperation with this matter is appreciated; thank you.

With the increasing number of pupils riding bikes and scooters to school, I would ask that parents remind the children that these should be walked to the bike / scooter parks via the main playground entrance. The staff car park has regular access from large delivery lorries in addition to cars arriving and leaving throughout the day. In the interest of their safety, children should not use the car park entrance to access the bike or scooter parks.

Yours sincerely

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